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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE OF JUNE 25

1. ATHENS NEWSPAPERS JUNE 26 AND 27 COVERED PROMINENTLY PRESIDENT FORD'S JUNE 25 PRESS CONFERENCE. HIS REMARKS THAT THE U.S. IS CONCERNED OVER ENMITY IN GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS AND THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WAS NOT SINGLING OUT EITHER GREECE OR TURKEY WHEN HE REFERRED TO THE OBLIGATIONS OF ALLIES IN HIS ATLANTA SPEECH WERE HIGHLIGHTED IN THESE ACCOUNTS. STORIES REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT FORD ADDED THAT EACH ALLIANCE THAT THE U.S. ENTERS INTO IS BASED UPON THE MUTUAL INTEREST OF THE U.S. AND THE COUNTRY CONCERNED. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS ON THE MIDDLE EAST, SOUTH KOREA, POSSIBLE OIL PRICE HIKE, AND RELATIONS WITH THE USSR WERE ALSO REPORTED.

2. NEWSPAPER HEADLINES WERE: "FORD CONCERNED BY THE GREEK-TURKISH DISPUTE AND PROBLEM OF THE MIDDLE EAST" (VRADYNI, PRO-CARAMANLIS); "PRESIDENT FORD: DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY CAUSE CONCERN TO AMERICA" -- "KISSINGER'S DECLARATION DID NOT REFER TO THE TWO COUNTRIES" (ESPERINI, CONSERVATIVE); "AS HE STRESSED DURING YESTERDAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE, FORD IS VERY WORRIED ABOUT ENMITY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN BECAUSE OF THE CYPRUS
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